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Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P.O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: OPERC 1 Sand, Reservoirs A and B  
Lake Sand Field  
Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Operc 1 Sand, Reservoirs A and B, Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

1. To dissolve the Operc 1 RA SU and simultaneously create a revised reservoirwide unit containing approximately 1010 acres and to establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Operc 1 Sand, Reservoir B, Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana and create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 120 acres.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned, tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed units set forth in No. 1 above, with each tract in the Operc 1 RA SU sharing in unit production pursuant to the provisions of Order No. 216-J and each tract in the Operc 1 RB SU A sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate an operator for the proposed units set forth in No. 1 above and a unit well for the Operc 1 RB SU A.
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoirs by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing

characteristics of one or both of the reservoirs change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

The Operc 1 Sand, Reservoir A, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 216-J, effective August 21, 1967. That definition is hereby adopted for the Operc 1 Sand, Reservoir B.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it was not held. Thus, no opposition is expected at the hearing.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Lake Sand Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Lake Sand Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this application is available **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Mr. Charles G. Smith, 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, (205)767-2240.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed units. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and all Interested Parties to whom copies of this proposal are being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to obtain a complete list. In accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, said plat and list are not being sent to each individual but a copy of the plat and/or list will be furnished upon request to anyone receiving this notice. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.

  
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Cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Owners  
Represented Parties  
Interested Parties

